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METHOD FOR REDUCING TENSILE STRESS ZONES IN THE SURFACE OF A PART

(Attorney Docket No. LRI-004PAT), the specification of which is filed herewith in the United States Patent and Trademark Office; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent; that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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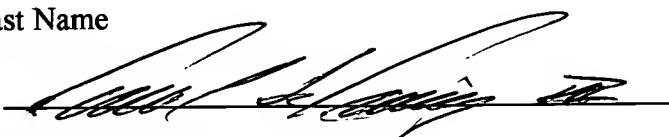
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For: **METHOD FOR REDUCING TENSILE STRESS ZONES IN THE SURFACE OF A PART**

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27 (b)-INDEPENDENT INVENTOR(S)**

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